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A. Gentleman . . Burglar

The burglar was standing at the sideboard, pouring himself a glass of wine from a decanter. He wore a mask and overalls. A click at the knob of the door behind him arrested his attention. He turned, glass in hand, and faced a young lady in even-

There was something very unlike the class to which the burglar belonged in his courtly bow.

"You surprise me," he said. "I did not expect to find any of the family up at this time of night. I am about to take a glass of wine. Will you permit me to pour one for you?"

"You will find the silver kept for daily use in that drawer," pointing to the sideboard. "Take it all and wel- dren and your neighbors. come. Don't go upstairs. You will

frighten every one dreadfully." "I don't need more than one piece," said the burglar, "but it must bear the

"Only one piece! May I ask the cause of such a modest demand? I was not aware that burglars took such frightful risks to intentionally leave Dine, a farmer. It is to all apthe plunder behind."

initials of its present owner."

Whether it was the burglar's courtly manner, his well modulated voice or Minorca, species. In the past an air about him indicating that he had been to the manner born, the girl ceased to be afraid of him.

"Perhaps," she added, "you are some respectable man who has been led into been exhibited over the country this life by force of circumstances and, smitten by conscience, you confine yourself to a very small robbery, no two of them the same size or just enough to gain the means for a meal. I can give you money instead, in which there is nothing to betray ture tenpin, another is the shape you. That would be much better than to take a piece of silver with our mark

"Your kind thoughtfulness delights me. But money is no object to me-at taking these sugar tongs. Probably they didn't cost \$10. They are worth \$500 to me."

"Five hundred!" them or some other article in this drawer it will cost me \$500-in other words, there is a difference to me of of the eggs contain a yolk.

\$1,000." "You are joking." "Ethel!" called a man's voice from

the hall above. "Yes. father!" "What are you doing down there.

"Tell him," whispered the burglar, "that you are getting some refresh-

"Who is with you? I heard some one talking."

"Say a gentleman you met during the evening who came home with you and whom you asked in."

"That would be a fib." "Well, then, say a gentleman friend of yours.' "That would be a worse fib. I don't

make friends with burglars." There was a sound of slippers flap off his mask and threw it under the dining table, then, unbuttoning his overalls at the back of his neck, they fell to the floor, and he kicked them under the sideboard. He was in evening dress, his bosom covered with cotillon favors. Scarcely had the change of costume been made than an old gentleman in dressing gown and

slippers entered the room. "Father," stammered the girl, "this is Mr. Merryman. He was at Mrs. Appleton's this evening, and he kindly

saw me home." Mr. Merryman bowed. The old gentleman bowed stiffly and said to his gist wrapped up whisky. Is it "I didn't hear any one with you

when you came in." "Didn't you, father?" "I have on my rubbers," said Mr. Merryman. "They exclude water and have the advantage of making no

"Convenient for thieves," remarked Miss Ethel, in whose eyes there was

now dancing much merriment. "Your daughter kindly asked me in for a glass of wine," said the intruder. "Can I induce you to join me, sir?"

At this master stroke of impudence Miss Ethel repressed a smile, and her father repressed an exclamation of you," he turned on l.is heel and went

"Bob Merryman," exclaimed the girl what does this mean?"

"It means this: After the last time you favored me in the cotillon-this padge here—I left Mrs. Appleton's for the club. There I met a party of fellows, and after a lot of talk I bet Perther's house, bringing away some article of silver properly marked as evidence of the burglary. You interrupted me in my honest work of making money enough to buy wine and cigars for a month, and unless you let me get away with the proof instead of

winning I'll loose an equal amount." "Upon my word! What pranks you men will be up to! Take the sugar

"Thank you very much. Let me see. Are these your father's initials?" "My mother's."

"I'll return it tomorrow or, rather, today. Good evening. Much obliged for your kindness." The next afternoon, the tongs were

returned with a toy trunk full of candy and a note regretting that conventional social rules prevented the donor from dividing his winnings with the young lady who helped him to win.

MARY A. BOWES.

Foolscap Phylosophy.

The main merit in using some kinds of butter is that it is strong enough to wait on the table in an emergency.

The girl next door who declares in glad cadences that she cannot sing the old songs ought not to tackle the new.

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The difference between clean politics and boodle is the difference between your own chil-

Chickens is a Mervel.

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Unless unforseen complications arise, Mrs. John Euler, who was shot by her husband, John Euler, in Louisville, will recover in a few weeks. A twenty-two-caliber bullet is still lodged in her left lung, and the physicians say dissatisfaction. With a "No, I thank it will be dangerous to try to extract the ball.

Sweeyt Over Niagara.

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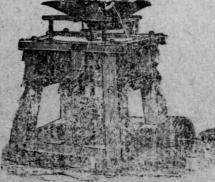
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